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## ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2014

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 4.48 million bushels, 15 percent below last year's production of 5.27 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 160.0 bushels per acre was 10.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2014, at 28,000 acres, was 3,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for corn silage was estimated at 45,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 990,000 tons compared with 1.13 million tons produced last year.

**Oat** seedings in Utah totaled 20,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 3,000 acres for grain or seed, down 2,000 acres from 2013. Oat production totaled 207,000 bushels in 2014, down 33 percent from last year. Oat yield is 69.0 bushels per acre in 2014, up 7.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Utah's **barley** seeded area, at 32,000 acres, is down 8,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 20,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from 2013. Barley yield, at 83.0 bushels per acre is up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2014 is estimated at 1.66 million bushels, down 29 percent from the previous year.

**All wheat** production in Utah, estimated at 5.88 million bushels, is up 7 percent from 2013. All wheat yield was 50.3 bushels per acre, up 6.1 bushels per acre from a year ago. **Winter wheat** producers seeded 120,000 acres in the fall of 2013 for harvest in 2014, unchanged from the 120,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 1,000 acres to 109,000 acres in 2014. Winter wheat production is estimated at 5.45 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 50.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels per acre from last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 10,000 acres, are down 8,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 8,000 acres, down from 14,000 acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 432,000 bushels, down 33 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 54.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year.

**All hay** production for 2014 is estimated at 2.40 million tons, down 12 percent from the 2013 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 2.03 million tons from 520,000 acres harvested, down 282,000 tons from 2013. Average yield for the 2014 crop was 3.90 tons per acre, 0.30 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 368,000 tons from 160,000 acres harvested, down 52,000 tons from 2013. The average yield of 2.30 tons per acre was down 0.10 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Utah were estimated at 60,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2013. **Hay Stocks** on farms on December 1<sup>st</sup> were 1.19 million tons, down 5 percent from last year.

Production of **safflower** in 2014 was 17.82 million pounds, compared with 14.82 million pounds in 2013. Planted acres were 19,000, down 8,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres were 18,000, compared with 26,000 acres in 2013. Safflower yields averaged 990 pounds per acre in 2014, up 420 pounds from last year.

**Winter wheat seedings** last fall for the 2015 crop year are estimated at 120,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn for grain** production is estimated at a record 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 3 percent above the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area

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harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage.

**Corn silage** production is estimated at 128 million tons for 2014, up 8 percent from 2013 and represents the highest production on record for the United States. The United States silage yield is estimated at 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons from 2013. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 6.37 million acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

The 2014 **oat** production is estimated at 69.7 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2013 total but represents the fourth lowest production on record. Yield is estimated at 67.7 bushels per acre, up 3.6 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 1.03 million acres, is 2 percent above the previous year. This is the fourth lowest acreage harvested for grain on record. Record low acres were harvested in California, Kansas, Montana, and Utah.

**Barley** production is estimated at 177 million bushels, down 18 percent from the 2013 total. Average yield per acre, at 72.4 bushels, is up 1.1 bushels from the previous year and represents the third highest yield on record for the United States. Producers seeded 2.98 million acres in 2014, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.44 million acres, is down 20 percent from 2013.

**All wheat** production totaled 2.03 billion bushels in 2014, down 5 percent from the 2013 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 46.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 3.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2013 by type are winter wheat, 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 595 million bushels, up 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 53.1 million bushels, down 8 percent.

**Winter wheat** production for 2014 totaled 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2013 total. The United States yield, at 42.6 bushels per acre, is down 4.7 bushels from 2013. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. **Spring wheat** production for 2014 is estimated at 595 million bushels, up 11 percent from the 2013 total. Harvested area totaled 12.7 million acres, up 12 percent from 2013.

**All hay** production of all dry hay for 2014 is estimated at 139.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 4 percent from the revised 2013 total. Area harvested is estimated at 57.1 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 1 percent from 2013. The average yield, at 2.45 tons per acre, is down 0.13 ton from the October forecast but up 0.12 ton from the previous year. **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** production in 2014 is estimated at 61.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast but up 7 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 18.4 million acres, is up 1 percent from the October forecast and 4 percent above the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.33 tons per acre, 0.22 ton below the October forecast but up 0.09 ton from 2013. **All other hay** production in 2014 totaled 78.4 million tons, down 7 percent from the October forecast but up less than 1 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 38.6 million acres, is down 2 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton from the October forecast but up 0.10 ton from 2013. Growers seeded 2.55 million acres of **new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2014, up 1 percent from 2013. This represents the third consecutive year of increased seeded area. The new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures will normally be harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

**Safflower** production in 2014, at 209 million pounds, is down less than 1 percent from 2013 and represents the fifth lowest production since records began in 1991. Growers planted 181,500 acres in 2014, an increase of 3 percent from 2013. Harvested area, at 170,200 acres, is down 500 acres from the previous year. Average yield, at 1,226 pounds per acre, decreased 6 pounds from 2013. The yield in Utah, at 990 pounds per acre, is up 420 pounds from last year and represents the highest on record since published estimates began in 2010.

**Winter wheat** seeded area for 2015 is expected to total 40.5 million acres, down 5 percent from 2014. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.50 million; and White Winter, 3.48 million.

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